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March 1, 1901

In the Presidency of Bombay there occurred during the week ended December 21, 593 new cases and 408 deaths from plague, that is to say, 23 more cases than in the foregoing week.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—On December 25 a coolie, who had arrived by ship from Amoy and Swatow, but had not touched at Hongkong, died of plague at Singapore. The ship was sent immediately to the quarantine station. The other 400 coolies on board proved to be in good health.

JAPAN.—In Osaka, since the new outbreak of plague, a total number of 64 cases with 51 deaths from plague had been reported up to December 10. The city authorities there have granted a specific sum for the purpose of fighting the plague, and have appointed a special physician.

No further cases of plague occurred in Kobe during the month of November. The fishing village of Yuasa, which is in the neighboring district of Wakayama, about 60 kilometers distant from Osaka, was chiefly infected with plague. The village has constant communication with this city and therefore all arrivals are examined.

Réunion.—From January 3 to January 10, 5 new cases of plague have occurred on the island, of which 2 terminated fatally.

Argentine.—According to a bulletin of December 24, there have been no further cases of plague in Tucuman or in San Nicholas. The bacteriological examinations of the last reported cases have given no indication of plague.

Queensland.—According to the reports of the central sanitary authorities there occurred during the week ended December 1, 5 cases of plague (2 in Brisbane and 3 in Thursday Island) and during the following week 1 case in Brisbane.

Cholera.

British East India.—In Calcutta 49 persons died of cholera during the period from December 16 to December 22.

Straits Settlements.—In Singapore there occurred during the period from December 15 to December 25, 36 deaths from cholera. There were also many deaths from fever, consumption, and beriberi. In the second half of the month of December, however, there was an improvement in the general health.

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Plague at Cape Town.

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LONDON, ENGLAND, February 8, 1901.

A Reuter's dispatch from Cape Town, of to-day's date, confirms the report that 2 cases of bubonic plague have occurred there. It is not believed, however, that the outbreak of the disease is a serious one.